Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The First Annual Hyperemesis Gravidarum World Awareness Day is on May 15, 2012; and,

Whereas, Hyperemesis Gravidarum (HG) is a severe form of nausea and vomiting in pregnancy which prevents adequate intake of food and fluids leading to significant loss of body weight, dehydration, and nutritional deficiencies; and,

Whereas, Treating women with HG using aggressive care early in pregnancy is very important to prevent life-threatening complications; and,

Whereas, There is limited conclusive research on HG, so exploring drug treatment options, determining new medical care and treatment protocol for HG, and educating medical practitioners about recent findings will improve outcomes for HG patients; and,

Whereas, Hyperemesis Gravidarum causes financial hardship, with nearly $200 million spent annually for inpatient hospitalization and with HG patients at risk of losing their employment due to sickness; and,

Whereas, The HG patients, families, doctors, and employers should be notified that the website www.helpher.org provides current HG information, research, and resources:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2012, as

HYPEREMESIS GRAVIDARUM AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State